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a. placing said thermoplastic sealing or connecting component at the location of the desired connection on said non-sealing member; and

b. exposing said thermoplastic sealing or connecting component to an increased temperature of at most about 20 °C below the melting point of the thermoplastic elastomeric material.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A process for fashioning a permanent connection between at least 2 components, with at least one thermoplastic sealing or connecting component according to claim ⁵ ~~4~~, and at least one non-sealing member, comprising:

a. ~~placing said thermoplastic sealing or connecting component at the location of the desired connection on said non-sealing member;~~

b. ~~exposing said thermoplastic sealing or connecting component to an increased temperature of at most about 20 °C below the melting point of the thermoplastic elastomeric material wherein the thermoplastic elastomeric material is a copolyetherester.~~

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic elastomeric material comprises a block copolymer comprising hard blocks, wherein said hard blocks comprise polyurethane, polyester or polyamide.